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**Kemmerer Ranger District Plans Prescribed Burn**

**Kemmerer, WY** – The Kemmerer Ranger District of the Bridger-Teton National Forest is planning a prescribed burn in the area north of the West Fork of the Ham's Fork River on Ham's Fork Ridge. The project is expected to treat up to 235 acres as conditions allow.

The objectives of the burn are to rejuvenate decadent aspen stands by targeting dead and dying beetle killed conifers, promote better grasses and forbs improving habitat for big game, reduce hazardous fuel accumulations and restore fire to the landscape representing a more historical and natural role in the environment.

This project is expected to be carried out from June 16 through June 26. Actual ignition dates will be dependent on meeting strict parameters for weather and fire behavior conditions. Flames may be visible during the active burning operation and smoke may be evident in the vicinity, especially in mountain valleys during the early morning hours of the burn period.

At this time there are no road closures in effect. However, Forest Service Road # 10151 may close and should be avoided. There may be fire traffic in the Ham's Fork area and visitors are reminded to always use caution when recreating in burned areas, smoke, falling snags and active fire may be present after a closure has been lifted. Interagency fire managers will attempt to minimize any adverse impacts to recreationists and residents as the burns proceed.

This vegetation treatment is an interagency cooperative effort with Wyoming Game & Fish Department, Wyoming Landscape Conservation Initiative, and the United States Forest Service.

For more information about this project, contact USFS Ben Banister at 307-828-5117.

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